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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

#10/85
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Applicants: Smutney et al.
Application Number: 09/757,138
Filing Date: January 9, 2001
Title: BLUNTABLE NEEDLE ASSEMBLY
WITH OPEN-ENDED BLUNTING
PROBE
Examiner Name: Roz Ghafoorian
Group Art Unit: 3763

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- (X) Enclosed:
- (X) Amendment/Reply
- (X) Revocation and Power of Attorney
- (X) Return Postcard

2. Fees:

- (X) RCE fee (\$750 large entity)
- (X) Extension of Time fee:
 - (X) Two Month (\$410)
- (X) Limited Recognition for Salima A. Merani.

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3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$1,160 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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